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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 67, 91, and 95, as shown below. Please add new claims 96-110. The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings.

1-66. (Canceled).

67. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment of a mitochondrial disorder comprising administering to a subject having or at risk of having such disorder an effective amount of a compound having the Formula I:

$$HN$$
 H_2C
 OH
 OH
 (I)

wherein the mitochondrial disorder is selected from a group consisting of mitochondrial renal tubular acidosis, multiple mitochondrial deletion syndrome, Leigh syndrome, lactic acidemia, 3-hydroxybutyric acidemia, encephalomyopathy, 1+proteinuria, pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency, complex I deficiency, complex IV deficiency, aminoaciduria, hydroxyprolinuria, ataxia, and MARIAHS syndrome, and wherein the compound is selected from uridine and 1-β-D-ribofuranosyluracil.

68-69. (Canceled).

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70. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the mitochondrial disorder is a primary disorder comprising at least one mutation in mitochondrial or nuclear DNA.

71-72. (Canceled).

- 73. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein said mitochondrial disorder is a secondary disorder caused by acquired somatic mutations, physiologic effects of drugs, viruses, or environmental toxins that inhibit mitochondrial function.
- 74. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the mitochondrial disorder is a deficiency of cardiolipin.
- 75. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the mitochondrial disorder comprises a deficiency in a pyrimidine synthetic pathway.
- 76. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 75, wherein the deficiency in a pyrimidine synthetic pathway is the deficiency in the uridine synthetic pathway.
- 77. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 75, wherein the deficiency comprises reduced expression and/or activity of an enzyme in the pyrimidine synthetic pathway.
- 78. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 77, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (DHOD) and uridine monophosphate synthetase (UMPS).
- 79. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the mitochondrial disorder results in lower than normal uridine levels.

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- 80. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the mitochondrial disorder is the result of prior or concurrent administration of a pharmaceutical agent.
- 81. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 80, wherein the pharmaceutical agent is a reverse transcriptase inhibitor, a protease inhibitor or an inhibitor of DHOD.
 - 82-83. (Canceled).
- 84. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 81, wherein the DHOD inhibitor is Leflunomide or Brequinar.
- 85. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, further comprising the administration of one or more co-factors, vitamins, or mixtures of two or more thereof.
- 86. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 85, wherein the cofactor is one or both of Coenzyme Q10 or calcium or magnesium pyruvate.
- 87. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 85, wherein the vitamin is selected from the group consisting of thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2), niacin (B3), pyridoxine (B6), folate, cyanocobalamine (B12), biotin, α-lipoic acid, and pantothenic acid.
- 88. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is administered in a daily dosage in the range of about 0.5 g/m² to 20 g/m².
- 89. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is administered in a daily dosage in the range of about 2 g/m^2 to 10 g/m^2 .

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90. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 67, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is administered in a daily dosage of about 6.0 g/m².

91. (Currently amended) A method for reducing or eliminating one or more symptoms associated with a mitochondrial disorder comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound having the Formula (I):

$$H_2$$
COHOH

wherein the mitochondrial disorder is selected from a group consisting of mitochondrial renal tubular acidosis, multiple mitochondrial deletion syndrome, Leigh syndrome, lactic acidemia, 3-hydroxybutyric acidemia, encephalomyopathy, 1+proteinuria, pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency, complex I deficiency, complex IV deficiency, aminoaciduria, hydroxyprolinuria, ataxia, and MARIAHS syndrome, and wherein the compound is selected from uridine and 1-β-D-ribofuranosyluracil.

92-94. (Canceled).

95. (Currently amended) The method according to any one of claims 67 or 91, wherein the mitochondrial disorder is MARIAHS syndrome.

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- 96. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein the mitochondrial disorder comprises a deficiency in a pyrimidine synthetic pathway.
- (New) The method according to claim 96, wherein the deficiency in a 97. pyrimidine synthetic pathway is the deficiency in the uridine synthetic pathway.
- 98. (New) The method according to claim 96, wherein the deficiency comprises reduced expression and/or activity of an enzyme in the pyrimidine synthetic pathway.
- 99. (New) The method according to claim 98, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (DHOD) and uridine monophosphate synthetase (UMPS).
- 100. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein the mitochondrial disorder results in lower than normal uridine levels.
- (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein the mitochondrial 101. disorder is the result of prior or concurrent administration of a pharmaceutical agent.
- (New) The method according to claim 101, wherein the pharmaceutical 102. agent is a reverse transcriptase inhibitor, a protease inhibitor or an inhibitor of DHOD.
- (New) The method according to claim 102, wherein the DHOD inhibitor 103. is Leflunomide or Brequinar.
- (New) The method according to claim 95, further comprising the 104. administration of one or more co-factors, vitamins, or mixtures of two or more thereof.
- 105. (New) The method according to claim 104, wherein the co-factor is one or both of Coenzyme Q10 or calcium or magnesium pyruvate.

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- 106. (New) The method according to claim 104, wherein the vitamin is selected from the group consisting of thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2), niacin (B3), pyridoxine (B6), folate, cyanocobalamine (B12), biotin, α -lipoic acid, and pantothenic acid.
- 107. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is administered in a daily dosage in the range of about 0.5 g/m² to 20 g/m².
- 108. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is administered in a daily dosage in the range of about 2 g/m² to 10 g/m².
- 109. (New) The method according to claim 95, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is administered in a daily dosage of about 6.0 g/m².
- 110. (New) The method according to claim 91, wherein the mitochondrial disorder is MARIAHS syndrome.